

Stole to Help Friend Christmas, Tries to Kill Herself, Police Say

Nurse Accused of Taking Patient's Jewelry Attempts
Suicide When Arrested, Detectives Charge.

Miss Mary Williams, twenty-nine, No. 340 West 71st Street, a professional nurse, attempted suicide, the police say, when she was arrested by Detectives Donnelly and Harris on a charge of grand larceny. The detectives say Miss Williams confessed and explained that she wanted Christmas money to help a destitute friend who is a drug addict.

The complaint is by Mrs. Francis Jaffa, No. 161 West 103d Street, who was attended by Miss Williams. Mrs. Jaffa said that various things disappeared—a diamond ring, a necklace, a beaded bag, etc.

The first clue, according to Mrs. Jaffa, was when her friend, Miss Helen King, was calling on her recently in the presence of Miss Williams, who produced a diamond ring and offered to sell it to Miss King for \$350. Mrs. Jaffa said she recognized the stone although it was in a new setting.

She did not voice her suspicion, but communicated with the police. Miss King was instructed to say that she wanted an appraisal of the ring. Accordingly Miss King and Miss Williams went to Becht & Sons, jewelers,

No. 135 East 42d Street, who appraised it at \$350. Detectives later questioned the jewellers, who said they had reset the stone for Miss Williams.

When the two detectives went to Miss Williams's apartments, they say, she broke down, confessed, then asked to be excused a moment while she went to the bathroom. Her absence was prolonged so that their suspicion were aroused. As they burst into the bathroom, they say, they found her with a hypodermic needle trying to inject a solution of strychnine into her leg. She fought, the police say, and tried to jab the detectives with the needle.

In a trunk, the detectives say, they found the old setting of the ring and some other things that had disappeared from Mrs. Jaffa's home.

Mrs. T. Gordon of No. 328 East Tenth Street, Indianapolis, Ind. It read: "Ruth and Baby: Just a line, dear. Have nothing left in the world and no hope. I wrote to J. M., but he did not think it worth answering. Goodbye, dear, and, oh, I would have loved to see you and the baby once more, but I guess you would not want to forgive me, dear, for the sorrow have brought you. It will be better for you with me gone. Never tell Ruth and Mable how God bless you and keep you forever and make life happy for you, and may God have mercy upon my soul. My last thoughts are of you. Always, TRIG."

BURGLARY MADE EASY. NIAGARA FALLS, N. Y., Dec. 22.—Burglars who entered the offices of Laur & Mack here, prepared to blow the safe, found a sign: "This safe is open." The yecks took \$161.50 and an automatic pistol from the safe and stole a typewriter. They left the safe.

DAWES ATTACKS P. O. DEPARTMENT; SHOWS BIG DEFICIT

For First Three Months of
This Year He Says It
Was \$16,198,000.

CHICAGO, Dec. 22.—Gen. Charles G. Dawes, former director of the National Budget, today made public what he termed the "unimpaired" balance sheet of the Post Office Department. It showed a deficit of \$16,198,000 for the first three months of the postal service this year.

A local paper printed what is said was a reproduction of the balance sheet, accompanied by a letter from J. C. Knapp, Vice President of the Otis Elevator Company, who assisted in making out the report.

Liabilities of the Post Office Department, according to the reproduced report, were \$140,846,590 for the first three months of the year, and assets were \$124,648,590.

"I have endeavored to produce a true picture of the postoffice operations by taking the regular postoffice accounts alone (which alone do not give the true picture), and adding to them what they lack," Mr. Knapp's letter reads.

"I believe that each Government Department can successfully be placed on this basis. When accomplished a consolidation of them will produce a balance sheet and operating statement of the United States," it concluded.

"Bureaucrats" were charged with attempting to throttle the Government in a statement made last night by Gen. Dawes regarding the Post-Office balance sheet.

Although the balance sheet had been approved by Will Hays, former Postmaster General, Gen. Dawes said he had heard nothing of the Post-Office balance sheet and declared the Government's accounting to-day to be "a disgraceful and archaic system."

He said the disappearance of the balance sheet could not be dismissed as "a great fuss about nothing."

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WRITES FAREWELL TO WIFE AND BABY, THEN TAKES POISON

Man Tries to End Life in Coffee House—In Hospital in Serious Condition.

Trig Gordon, forty-three, of No. 135 Eighth Avenue, tried to end his life by swallowing three tablets of bichloride of mercury in Mendo's coffee house, No. 135 West 54th Street, early today, according to the police. He was taken to Bellevue Hospital, where it was said his condition was serious.

On the table at which he had been sitting was found a note addressed to

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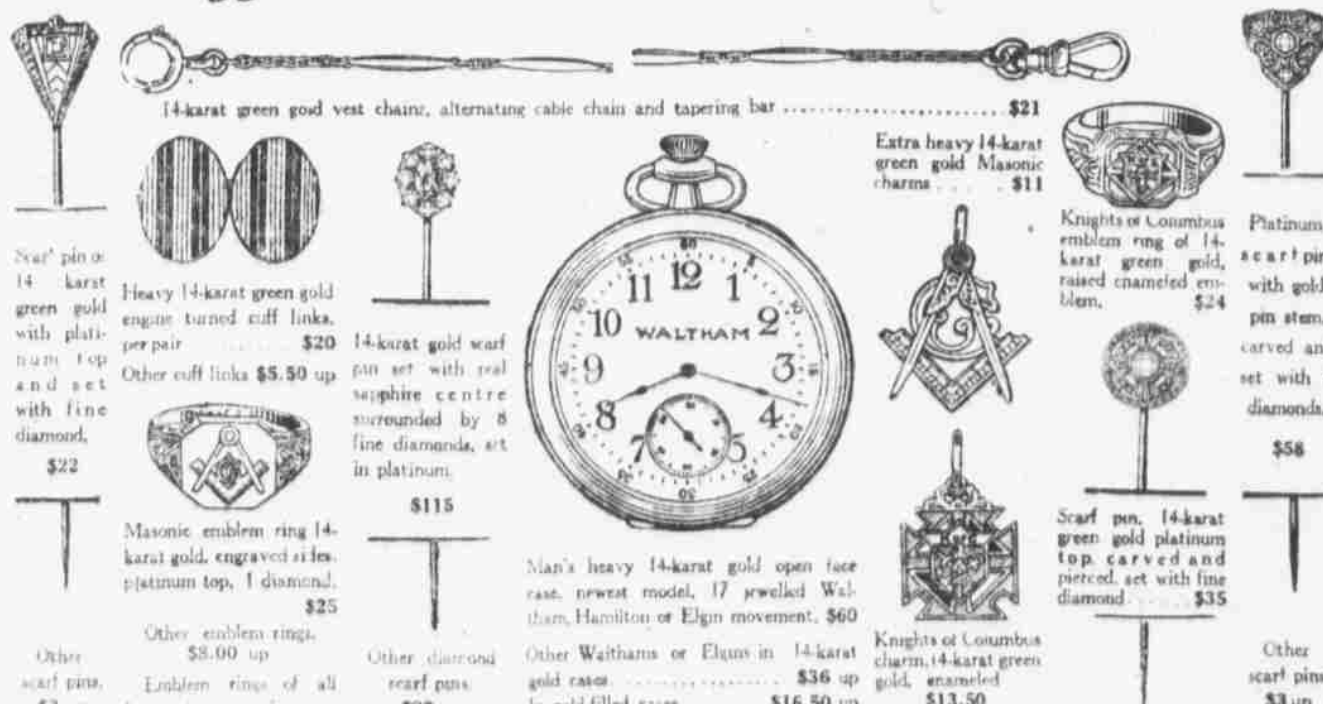


Thank You, Santa Claus!

LAMBERT BROTHERS wish publicly to thank Santa Claus for his reference to the "Reliable House of Lambert," and to urge their customers to heed his injunction to do their selecting of GIFTS THAT LAST before 10 o'clock tomorrow night. The Lambert store will be open this evening and continuously tomorrow from 9 A.M. until 10 P.M.

Lambert Brothers wish their customers a Merry Christmas!

Suggestions for Your Christmas Gift to Him



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